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## **What's Trending This Fall for the Northwest Home @seattlehomeshow**

Clean lines and modern styling. Tiles textured to look like fabrics. Contrasting textures and mixing different metals, woods and fiber to create a truly unique look. These are just some of the latest trends Northwesterners can see when Seattle Home Show 2, the fall version of the nation's oldest and largest consumer home show, opens its doors October 19-21<sup>st</sup> at CenturyLink Field Event Center.

Smaller homes continue to be big, particular among baby boomers and millennials, according to Seattle Home Show 2 exhibitors, who represent some of the region's leading industry professionals. "People are still downsizing and doing smaller houses," says Seattle Home Show 2 exhibitor Ward Holmes of Aurora Quality Buildings, whose exhibit will feature a variety of tiny homes and buildings. "They're also moving their grown kids onto their property by adding tiny homes in the backyard."

Consumer confidence continues to be upbeat as well. With the current economy, "Homeowners are confident in today's market," says exhibitor Scott Johnson of Aqua Quip. "They are excited to add to their backyard oasis."

Here's just a sampling of some of the top trends the public can see at this year's Seattle Home Show 2.

## **Homes**

- Downsizing and smaller homes, both among empty nesters as well as millennials
- Recreational cabins particularly on the Pacific coast and in eastern Washington
- Millennials financing the construction of tiny homes on their parent's property, instead of renting
- On the flip side, parents building smaller homes on the adult children's property, not only to downsize but looking towards retirement and aging-in-place

## **Design**

- Mid-century modern styling featuring clean lines, tiles that are textured to look like fabrics and encaustic tiles
- Neutral colors, especially whites and greys, have been very popular recently
- People are taking advantage of contrasting textures, mixing different metals, woods and fibers to create a really unique look in their home
- Millennials trending towards open spaces, minimalist décor and sustainable materials

## **Outdoor living**

- Self cleaning swim spas
- Families installing spas and pools, to keep children close to home and to be a place where they can hangout with their friends

## **Home entertainment**

- Hot tubs and quality barbeques in all age brackets, especially among 30-60 year olds and first time home buyers
- Renters purchasing high-end barbeques that they can take to their next home, whether they rent or buy
- Game rooms, with rustic and contemporary pool tables being especially hot

- Millennials gravitating towards very modern combination dining and pool tables, as well as buying their game rooms before starting a family
- Pool tables and other game room products becoming family heirlooms that are handed down
- Families creating game rooms to keep their children close to home to know where they are - creating a game room gives them an excuse to entertain and makes their home the destination location

### **About Seattle Home Show 2**

Seattle Home Show 2 runs Friday, October 19 – Sunday, October 21, 2018. Hours are Friday & Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM. Admission is \$13.00 Adults, \$9.00 Seniors (60+) and Military, \$3.00 Juniors (7-15), under 7 free. E-tickets are available for purchase online at [www.SeattleHomeShow.com](http://www.SeattleHomeShow.com) and E-ticket purchasers receive \$5 parking for Seattle Home Show at CenturyLink Field Parking Garage and Safeco Field Parking Garage. E-tickets are brought to you by BECU and Aqua Quip. “Too much to see, come back for free.™” Show visitors can register to return a second day for free. ID required. Plenty of parking will be available at CenturyLink Field Event Center Parking Garage and Safeco Field Garage. Vehicles with four or more occupants can take advantage of “Four or More Park Free™” in designated lots, courtesy of RSVP. Park for \$5.00 with E-ticket purchase.

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